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revenue from Tobacco greatly depended on the merchan the Member requested that arrangements might be ma for the opening of a bankshall at Kottayam before t next monsoon, if possible, charging warehouse rent the rates in force at Alleppey.

Dewan's reply.—The Excise Commissioner will asked to report on the matter.

19. Provision of additional accommodation for the Tobacco bankshall at Quilon and the construction of a bridge across the canal on the western side of the bankshall.

Mr. K. A. Krishna Pattar (Member, Quilon Tradin Classes) stated that, owing to the insufficiency of accor modation in the bankshall at Quilon, permits wer often refused to the merchants for importing Coimbato tobacco. It was very necessary that the Governmen should afford all possible facilities to such importers. H therefore requested that applications for import permit might in future be ordered to be granted without delay and that additional sheds might be put up for the bonding of Coimbatore tobacco. He also requested that bridge across the canal on the western side of the bankshall might be constructed with a view to avoid the present circuitous road for taking the Jaffna tobacco now imported into Quilon by sea. The bridge would be useful alike to the merchants and to the general public.

Dewan's reply.—The attention of the Excise Commissioner will be called to the representations made by the Member.

(*4*) *Customs Revenue.*

20. The export duty on copra and kindred products.

Mr. P. John (Member, Alleppey Trading Classes) stated that it was time for the Government to consider whether there was not scope for a further increase in the export tariff value of *copra*, thereby securing a few more lacs of rupees to the Government and protecting also the local mills, which were not at all in a flourishing condition. The export duty on *copra* was now Rs. 90 per candy. Taking the case of *punnac*, which was manufactured from *copra*, the market value of the same was Rs. 20 or 21 per candy, and the tariff value was Rs. 30 per candy. The average market price of *copra* in 1910 was nearly Rs. 100 per candy, against the tariff value of Rs. 90. Comparing the tariff value of *copra* with that of *punnac*, it would be seen that the duty on *copra* was not at all high. He suggested that the tariff value of *copra* might therefore be put at Rs. 150 per candy. The important fact which required careful consideration was whether the enhancement of the tariff value would in any way affect the export trade and as a consequence the market

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